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# Welcome

Dear Neighbours, now we find ourselves in September, many of us sense a fresh start. With the recent Olympics, the lift we've seen in pandemic-related restrictions, and a summer break for many, we appear to be approaching brighter times.

Although the Covid-19 pandemic still threatens our health and way of life, the emergence of a vaccine and growing awareness of how to inhibit the transmission of the virus have helped to slow its growth. And now that the vaccine has become available to our younger population, we're in a stronger position to withstand its worst effects.

Looking around our local community, it seems that the lifted mask mandates, the opening of day-to-day amenities and the wider availability of entertainment have encouraged many of us to reacquaint ourselves with familiar luxuries. After the recent struggles that many industries have faced, the community have been more than willing to help support their local businesses recover by dining out, shopping locally, attending events and getting outside.

It has also been wonderful celebrating Team GB's massive success at the Tokyo Olympics, where they amassed a stunning 65 medals, 22 of which were gold, placing us fourth in the world league table. One of these medals was won by local Olympian kayaker, Liam Heath MBE, who attended George Abbot School. During the Paralympics, look out for local swimmer Hannah Russell, of Guildford City Swimming Club.

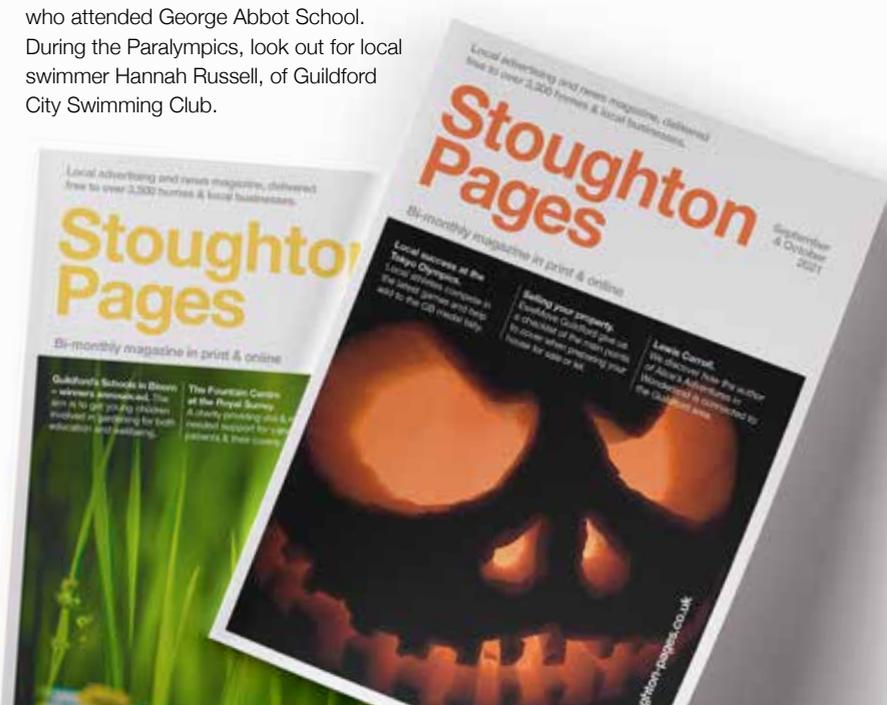
With the schools reopening this September, it seems appropriate to thank the teachers and school staff who have had to work above and beyond normal expectations. They have not only had deal with the challenges of creating a covid-safe environment and running online classes, but they've also had to mark and grade the internally assessed exams that have formed students' official results.

Finally, this Halloween, do remember to leave a carved pumpkin on your doorstep if you're welcoming trick-or-treaters. In the meantime, stay safe!

**Alex Rose (Editorial Assistant)**  
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# News + events

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Local news & events: get involved and tell us more about your news and events organised in Stoughton and the surrounding areas.

## Guildford Lions' 'Firework Fiesta' to go ahead this year.



Photo by Dan Harrington

After the cancellation of the fireworks in 2020 due to the lockdown restrictions it's great to see that the Guildford Lions Firework Fiesta will be going ahead this year.

Guildford Lions are delighted to confirm our annual fireworks display WILL take place this year, on **Saturday 6th November at Stoke Park**, albeit with a number of changes.

To ensure the evening remains as safe as possible we have decided to make some radical changes which can be summarised as follows:

1 Due to the current concerns and

uncertainties it is with real regret we must confirm that there will not be any torchlight procession this year. Our concerns centre on the lack of available space for social distancing.

2 The fireworks display on **Stoke Park** will still go ahead as the size of the park will allow people to socially distance if they so wish.

3 To offset the loss of the torchlight procession we will be introducing

live music for the first time. This will feature **Blurasis** an award winning band who cover songs by a host of artists including Blur, Oasis, Coldplay and many more.

- 4 **Peter Gordon** will again be our MC.
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- 7 There will be a **full licensed bar**, a **real ale marquee** and a **gin bar** by Pub of the Year The Star Inn, Godalming plus delicious hot food by **Mandira's Kitchen**.
- 8 Free parking will again be available at the Spectrum and The Guildford College with disabled parking available at the Guildford High School on London Road.

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For more information please visit our website [www.guildfordlions.com](http://www.guildfordlions.com) or our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/GuildfordLionsClub/](http://www.facebook.com/GuildfordLionsClub/)



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### Local Community Café and Fairtrade Shop Supports Global Care



Lynne Wright, café manager, samples some of the quality coffee on offer.

#### For well over 10 years, Emmanuel Church has run a Café and Fairtrade Shop serving the local community of Stoughton and the wider Guildford area.

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Whilst we seek to serve those who live close by with a friendly smile and personal customer care, our vision has developed over the years to go beyond our own doors to support our global community and natural environment. Emmanuel Café not only stocks

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So why think about buying from suppliers that help others? Well, Fairtrade seeks to live by its name – to ensure that people who produce the

food and goods we buy receive a fair wage and fair treatment; to stop exploitation of both adult and child workers. Likewise, goods that aim to minimise waste and pollution, avoiding the detrimental impact on the world's environment, help support the global efforts to look after our beautiful natural world. In visiting Emmanuel's Café and Fairtrade Shop, you don't just enjoy some time to chat and a great cappuccino, but every purchase goes towards making a better world.

#### Our focus is on providing a friendly, cosy place to meet, with freshly cooked food, quality coffee and teas, and original fairtrade goods for sale.

As the Autumn term begins on **Monday 6th September**, we are excited to be opening our doors again to provide a warm welcome for all our visitors and thank all those who shop with us in supporting our vision to care for our community locally and around the world.



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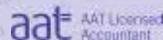
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## News + events

### Local success at the Tokyo Olympics.



Liam Heath competing in his Olympic final and having received his medal.

#### Four Guildfordian athletes took part in the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, team GB's second-best Olympic games ever.

Although Alicia Wilson, of Guildford City Swimming Club, made her Olympic debut by reaching the final of the women's 200m medley this year, the most successful of the four was Liam Heath MBE. Tokyo was sprint canoeist Liam's third Olympic Games. Going into this year's Olympics, he had already won sprint bronze in the K2 200m beside Jon Schofield in London 2012, silver in the same event in 2016, and gold that year in Rio's individual 200m kayak sprint event.

Liam Heath MBE was born and raised in Guildford and attended George Abbot School. He was introduced to kayaking for the first time when he was 10, on a 'holiday fun' activity week at the Wey Kayak Club in Guildford, where he instantly clicked with the sport. He went on to train with them, competing as a junior, learning quickly and training hard.

Wey Kayak Club is one of the top kayak clubs in the UK, catering for beginners through to international-level canoeists, and it is where young Liam spent much of his time. This served him well, and at the age of 25, he was invited to train with the GB sprint canoe team. After winning his first three medals, he sealed his title as an Olympic legend

this year by winning a bronze in the men's K1 200m sprint, his fourth medal of three consecutive Olympic Games.

In a recent interview, he was quoted as saying "It's hard to put into words, it's what you're working towards, to be at your best for these events and I've learned so much along my journey. You learn more about yourself, your competitors and the people you work with day in, day out. It's them working tirelessly behind the scenes which provides the support for me to be able to achieve my dreams. A massive thanks to everybody that's watching at home. Not quite the gold, but I'm happy with my performance so I hope you guys can be happy too."

As the current Tokyo Paralympics take place, watch out for Hannah Russell MBE. Hannah was born with a vision impairment and took up swimming at the age of five with Woking Swimming Club, before moving to Guildford City Swimming Club at the age of 12. After winning double bronze and a silver in London 2012 and double bronze and a gold at Rio 2016, she plans to compete in three events in Tokyo, the S12 100m backstroke, the S12 100m freestyle and the S13 50m freestyle.

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We are continuing to meet via Zoom, including our book groups and interim quiz/chat meetings. We have been able to resume our coffee mornings at local garden centres which have given members the welcome opportunity to meet face to face. We are looking forward to when it will be safe to resume our meetings in Burpham Village Hall. Until then our speakers will continue to give talks via Zoom. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Please check our website for information about when we are returning to the Village Hall.

We hope the forthcoming talks will be as follows but please check our website for any changes:

*Tuesday 21st September*  
**History of the Teddy Bear**

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# Manor Road Evangelical Church

You are most welcome to join us for any of these activities, post lock-down.

## Youth Group

Term-time only. For those who attend secondary schools.

**Fridays at 7.30pm. Starting from September 10th**

Come for a variety of games and activities and also time to socialise. There will be a short talk on some aspects of the Christian faith.

## Ignite Group

Term-time only. Reception to year 6 age group.

**One evening in the week at 6.00pm.**

Come join us for fun and games, craft, quizzes, Bible stories and prizes.

## Little Sunbeams

Term-time only. Parent & Toddler Group – for pre-schoolers and their parents.

**Tuesdays 9.00 to 11.15am. Starting from September 14th.**

Parents may bring their toddlers and babies to the group anytime during the morning. Tea and coffee are available for adults throughout the morning. At approximately 10.15am we have mat and snack time for the children.

*(Parents make a contribution of 50p per child, if they can afford this.)*

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## What's on this month

### Getting back to 'Normal'!

**Sunday March 15th 2020 was the last time Manor Road Evangelical Church in Stoughton had a 'normal' church service – but now things are starting to get back to 'normal'.**

Sadly we also had to cancel our **Little Sunbeams Parent & Toddler Group** the **Friday Ignite Group for Primary School Children** and the **Friday Youth Group for Secondary School Young People**. The church moved as many things on-line as possible, but it's not the same as it was pre-Covid.

We hope that September will be the month we get back to something like 'normal' activities again. Hence we would like to invite you to the following activities at our church, assuming that restrictions will ease sufficiently for them all to take place again at the church.

*Sundays 11.15am*

#### All Age Service



On Sunday at 11.15am, every week, we have our All Age Service, everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee & biscuits are served from 10.45am. For approximately the first half hour we sing and enjoy other activities together. Then, for the next half hour we listen to a Bible-based talk, which is relevant and challenging for life in the 21st century. During this time there is a crèche for pre-schoolers, Sunday Club for primary school children and, alternate weeks, a Bible class for secondary school young people. This service is already taking place, with risk assessments and other precautions in place, based on the government guidelines.

*Fridays 7.30pm*

#### Youth Group



On Friday at 7.30pm, in term-time, the Youth Group will meet. This group is for Secondary school young people and

will start from Friday September 10th. Each week the young people will enjoy a variety of games and activities and also time to socialise. Each session concludes with a short talk on some aspect of the Christian faith.

*Week day evening TBC 6.00pm*

#### Ignite Group



One evening in the week (which is yet to be decided) at 6.00pm the Ignite Group, for children in the reception to year 6 age group, will meet in term-time. Children, in that age group, are invited to get together for about an hour of fun activities, including games, crafts, quizzes, Bible stories and prizes.

*Tuesdays 9.00-11.15am*

#### Little Sunbeams



Little Sunbeams is for pre-schoolers, and will meet on Tuesdays between 9.00 and 11.15am, in term-time, starting on Tuesday September 14th. Parents may bring their toddlers and babies to the group anytime during the morning. Tea and coffee are available for adults. At approximately 10.15am we have mat and snack time for the children, when we enjoy singing and listening to a Bible story together. (Parents make a contribution of 50p per child, if they can afford this.)

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*Saturday 25th September*

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Over the weekend of the **25-26th September**, the Archbishop is going to be visiting our area and hosting a series of Big Questions events, including one at GLive (**10.00am–11.00am, Saturday 25th**). This will be a unique opportunity for you to put your questions to the Archbishop and hear him speak on how to find security and hope in uncertain times.

Everyone is very welcome and places are free, but need to be booked in advance at [www.bigquestions-guildford.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.bigquestions-guildford.eventbrite.co.uk)

#### About this event

**A unique opportunity to put questions to Justin Welby, and hear him explore how to find lasting security and hope in uncertain times.**

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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is travelling throughout our area to listen to local people and to help us to tackle some of life's biggest questions.

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## What's on this month

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### Yvonne Arnaud Theatre announces Autumn 2021 Season



Clare Bloomer (Maggie Thatcher) & Martin Jarvis (Ted Heath) star in new political comedy *Maggie and Ted* (12th to 16th October).

#### The Yvonne Arnaud Theatre has an exciting autumn season planned!

If you need a laugh after the past 18 months there's comedy aplenty, including the latest production from the creators of *The Play That Goes Wrong*, **Groan Ups** (20 to 25 Sep); Agatha Christie-inspired romp, **Crimes in Egypt** (8 & 9 Sep); and evenings with **Miriam Margolyes, David Suchet, Andy Hamilton** and **Arthur Smith** and more.

A stand out production of the season is new political comedy **Maggie and Ted** (12 to 16 Oct), starring Martin Jarvis and Clare Bloomer. Shining a light on the relationship between Margaret Thatcher and Ted Heath, this uproariously funny play comes to Guildford only, direct from a sell-out West End debut.

Are thrillers more your thing? If so, you're in luck! The most scandalous political thriller of the year, **Dead Lies** (2 to 6 Nov),

stars Clive Mantle, Harriet Thorpe, Kimberley Wyatt and more. There's also ghost stories galore, with a gripping new adaptation of American classic, **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow** (18 to 23 Oct), starring Wendi Peters and Bill Ward; and terrifying new spine-chiller **When Darkness Falls** (28 to 30 Sep).

Families can enjoy a delightful adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks' award-winning picture book, **What the Ladybird Heard** (5 & 6 Oct) packed full of live music and puppetry. The theatre's much-loved panto will also return (3 Dec to 9 Jan) for lashings of slapstick silliness for all aged 5 to 105!

Other season highlights include **Being Mr Wickham**, with Adrian Lukis as Pride and Prejudice's most roguish gentleman (28 to 30 Oct); Andrew

Lloyd Webber and Don Black's iconic musical, **Tell Me On A Sunday** (16 to 20 Nov), starring Jodie Prenger; and Olivier Award-winning Ian McDiarmid in the world premiere of Julian Barnes' **The Lemon Table** (9 to 13 Nov).

As well as Main House productions, the Yvonne Arnaud team are thrilled to bring performance back to the Mill Studio after a long period of closure. There's a diverse programme on offer, including the acclaimed **Paines Plough Theatre's Sessions** (30 Oct), and award-winning **Who Cares** (23 Oct) from Lung Theatre, as well as a delightfully festive recreation of Charles Dickens' famous performance of **A Christmas Carol**, performed by John O'Connor, in the lead up to Christmas (20 to 24 Dec).

To find out more or to keep up to date with the latest news, visit [www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk](http://www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk) or sign up to the theatre's mailing list and social media channels.



*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (18 to 23 Oct).



Much-loved panto will return (3 Dec to 9 Jan) for lashings of slapstick silliness for all aged 5 to 105!

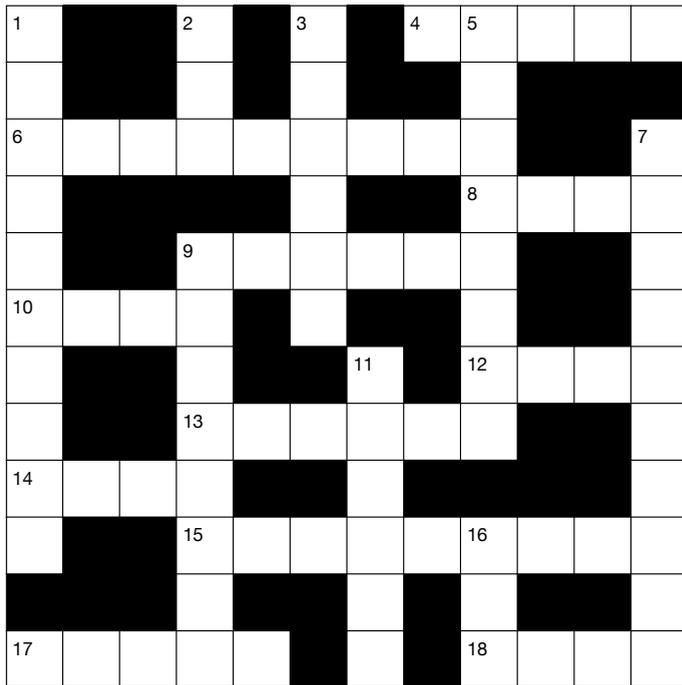
#### Do you have any events happening in and around Stoughton that you would like added in the next issue?

Our next issue of Stoughton Pages will cover November & December 2021. If you would like your event, happening during this period, added to our 'News & events' or 'What's on this month' sections please e-mail the details to [editor@stoughton-pages.co.uk](mailto:editor@stoughton-pages.co.uk) before **4th October**.

# Stoughton Pages Crossword

Crossword No. 19  
September & October 2021

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**Across**

- 4 The capital of Japan (5)
- 6 A social unit residing in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage (9)
- 8 Slang for very good or very large (4)
- 9 Slang for a convertible car (6)
- 10 A small island (4)
- 12 A small and informal establishment serving various refreshments (4)
- 13 The son of Daedalus (6)
- 14 An artistic work, especially one on a large scale (4)
- 15 Done without being planned, organised, or rehearsed (9)
- 17 Identifying symbol or mark (5)
- 18 Take part in (a sport) (4)

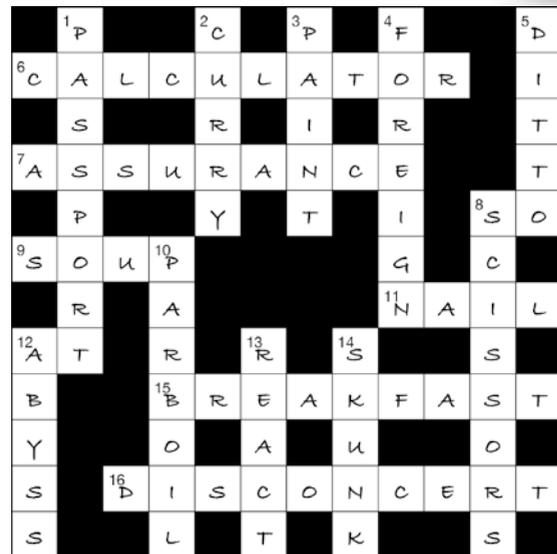
**Down**

- 1 Bishop of the highest rank (10)
- 2 Squeeze or pack tightly into a space (3)
- 3 To handle or direct with a degree of skill (6)
- 5 International athletic and sporting event held every four years (8)
- 7 Early ecclesiastical centre of England (10)
- 9 An alteration or correction (8)
- 11 The resting place of Noah's Ark (6)
- 16 Diagrammatic representation of an area of land (3)

**Solution to Crossword No. 18**

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The solution to each crossword will be published in the following issue of Stoughton Pages as well as on our website [www.stoughton-pages.co.uk](http://www.stoughton-pages.co.uk) For the September – October 2021 solution please see our November – December 2021 issue.



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# Chai on the patio!

Last year Stoughton Pages spoke to Mandira Sarkar, founder and inspiration behind Mandira's Kitchen based at Silent Pool. We learnt about (and sampled a few of) the fantastic authentic Indian meals that they produce and sell frozen from their converted cowshed in the Surrey Hills. Alongside the meals the team at MK also offer hands on cookery lessons, spice tours and bespoke catering in between sampling the gin and wine from their neighbours!

Well, Mandira and her dedicated team haven't been standing still whilst in lockdown and have been creating new experiences as well as new recipes and have now launched their 'Chai On The Patio' offering.

This new addition to Mandira's Kitchen provides the most delicious spot to enjoy fabulous Indian street food. Beautifully positioned, they have five tables of six which can be booked for slots of one hour (or more) where you can catch up with family & friends over some delicious food and drink. Each 1 hour slot costs £20 and is fully redeemable against any purchases you make on your visit.

They have an exciting street food menu – which you can order at the time of your booking, plus you can always add more dishes when you get there.

Walk-ins are welcome, but booking is advisable especially for busy times and weekends. The menu is also designed to be a takeaway should you wish to enjoy elsewhere.

Talking to Mandira she clearly has missed the freedom recently to visit home but we are fortunate that she is happy to recreate the taste of home here to share with us. "Summer seems to have passed

us by but I still consider myself so lucky to be in beautiful Burpham during these uncertain times. We have the ancient Medieval town with every modern amenity within walking distance as well as the stunning Surrey hills on our doorstep too – the best of both worlds. Not being able to travel to India to see my family and eat at our favourite restaurants, I have tried to recreate many of my favourite dishes and here is one to share with you. Perfect with a cup of chai or a glass of wine or gin or beer...



**Masala chai** is a tea beverage made by boiling black tea in milk and water with a mixture of aromatic herbs and spices. Originating in India, the beverage is traditionally prepared as a decoction of green cardamom pods, cinnamon sticks, ground cloves, ground ginger, and black peppercorn together with black tea leaves.

Photo by Charlotte May from Pexels

## Recipe

### Mandira's easy to make pakoras



#### Ingredients

(makes 15 medium sized pakoras):  
To make these delicious morsels you will need:

- 2 large red onions sliced
- A bag of baby spinach, chopped
- Approx. 2 heaped tablespoons of gram flour (*besan*)
- 1 heaped tablespoon of rice flour (optional – can substitute with self raising flour if you want)
- Salt to taste
- 1½ tsp chilli powder
- 1 level tsp chilli powder,
- 1 finely sliced green chilli
- 1 tsp of coriander seeds, roughly ground – you need to be able to bite into these
- Oil (enough to cover your pan to the depth of an inch)
- Cold water (alternatively you can use beer)

#### Method:

- 1 Tip all the ingredients, except the water (or beer) and oil into a large mixing bowl.
- 2 Add about 3 tbsp water (or beer) to start with and gently try and bring together. The mixture should hold but not get too thick or doughy – the secret to light fluffy pakoras is not too much gram flour. If you find you need a little more binding then add gram flour and if it is too dry add a tiny bit more water (or beer).
- 3 Let it rest for a few minutes.
- 4 Heat oil – about an inch to cover the pan. A wok is usually good but a heavy bottom frying pan also does the job.
- 5 Once the oil is smoking reduce the heat and then gently spoon a tablespoon of the batter into the hot oil. Careful to regulate the temperature, if it's too hot it will remain raw inside and burn outside – too cold and you get greasy pakoras. Should take about 3 minutes on each side.

- 6 Drain on a kitchen towel and serve hot with ketchup or a mint and yoghurt sauce.

#### Mint and Yoghurt Sauce

Blend together 1 clove of garlic, half a cup of mint leaves, salt and ½ cup of Greek yoghurt. Serve chilled with pakoras

#### About Mandira

Burpham resident, Mandira is the owner (general dogsbody) of Mandira's Kitchen. MK are a wholly woman led business operating out of a 400 year old converted cowshed overlooking the beautiful Silent Pool. They create award winning Indian food offering authentic homestyle freezer meals, bespoke catering, Indian picnics, hands on cookery lesson and spice tours. Mandira's Kitchen now offer an authentic street food cafe option on their patio which is a fabulous way to spend some time with friends and family.



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Recently, despite the various social and economical restrictions and lockdowns, the property market in this area has been particularly busy with some estate agents even complaining of a 'lack of stock'. Whilst this may seem extreme, it is always worth investing time in preparing your property to sell and making sure it is presented at its best for when it is listed.

Stoughton Pages spoke to Lucy Moulton, Owner & Branch Director of EweMove Guildford Sales & Lettings, to get her advice on how to prepare your property for the market.

“Have you been thinking of putting your property on the market, but waiting until your children are heading back to school? If so, now is your time to get into action. To help, we have put together a list of tips on how to prepare your property to sell or let.”



### Tips for the Exterior

Neat, well maintained gardens will appeal to buyers and tenants. When they see that little work is required, your outside space becomes all the more attractive.

- 1 Weed the garden and sweep up leaves
- 2 Jet wash pathways and driveways
- 3 Repair broken fences and gates
- 4 Paint exterior woodwork and metalwork (e.g. gates, fences and doors)
- 5 Clean windows inside and out
- 6 Plant seasonal flowers and/or hanging baskets to lift your property's street appeal

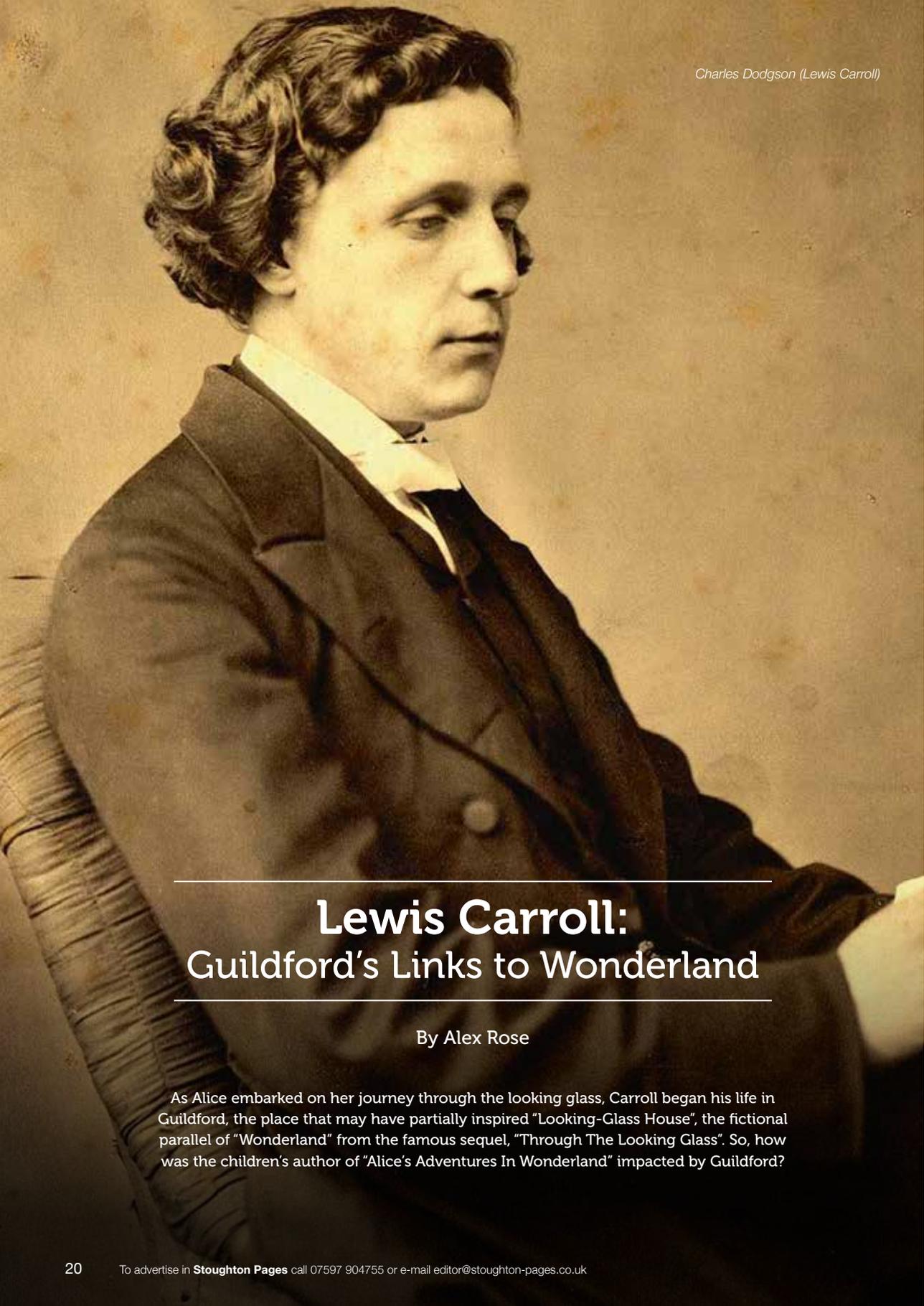
### Tips for the Interior

Your home should feel happily lived in and look neat, clean and clutter free.

- 1 A full de-clutter is essential to increase the sense of space. (Anything you do not wish to take with you, clear it out beforehand)
- 2 Clean and vacuum, paying particular attention to the kitchen and bathrooms. Clean all kitchen appliances and keep bench tops clutter free  
  
In bathrooms, clean the shower screen, remove personal hygiene items and minimise the hanging of towels/dressing gowns
- 3 Re-grout and re-whiten all tiles in the kitchen and bathroom(s)
- 4 Touch up paint work on the walls and skirting boards
- 5 Wash down all window frames, clean blinds and wash around light fittings
- 6 Add pops of colour for neutral tones (e.g. a throw and cushions on the sofa and bed, a vase of fresh flowers in the kitchen)

**Our final tip** – Talk to your agent to make sure you can check your listing before it goes live. If you're not happy with the quality of the listing (photographs, floor-plan and marketing description), ask for changes to be made until you are. After all, for many, your property is your biggest asset. Therefore, it is important that it is marketed to the highest standard to seize the attention of buyers, so that you can achieve the best price you can.

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Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll)

# Lewis Carroll: Guildford's Links to Wonderland

By Alex Rose

As Alice embarked on her journey through the looking glass, Carroll began his life in Guildford, the place that may have partially inspired "Looking-Glass House", the fictional parallel of "Wonderland" from the famous sequel, "Through The Looking Glass". So, how was the children's author of "Alice's Adventures In Wonderland" impacted by Guildford?



Statue of Alice in the moment she enters through the looking glass. Sculpted in 1990 by Jeanne Argent.



Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) is buried in The Mount cemetery, Guildford, where you can still find his grave today.

Behind the picturesque Guildford castle, and its beautiful grounds, Castle Hill boasts the famous grade two listed building, The Chestnuts, acquired in 1868 by Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (more famously known by his pen name, Lewis Carroll) for his six sisters. By then, he had already written his first successful book, 'Alice's Adventures In Wonderland', and that same year he would begin writing its sequel, 'Through The Looking Glass'.

Born on January 27, 1832, in Daresbury, Cheshire, he and his ten siblings grew up in isolated villages in the English countryside with their father, Reverend Charles Dodgson, and mother, Frances Jane Lutwidge. As the eldest boy of the family, he was skilled at entertaining himself and his brothers and sisters, making up a number of games and telling imaginative stories. He attended Christ Church, Oxford and

graduated in 1854 with degrees in mathematics and classics. He was also a keen photographer, notably shooting pictures of actress Ellen Terry and poet Alfred Tennyson. After graduating, he stayed at Christ Church, and became a lecturer, teaching mathematics – a position he had sought. Although taking deacon's orders in 1861, Dodgson was never ordained a priest, as his stammer made preaching difficult.

**If you take a walk through the castle grounds today, you might notice the locally famous statue of Alice in the moment she enters through the looking glass, reaching out towards the ruins of Guildford Castle.**

Due to this stammer – which he referred to as his 'hesitation' – and

his position in the family, with eight younger siblings, he found it easier to talk to children, three of which were the children of Henry George Liddell, Christ Church's dean. The Liddell children – Lorina, Edith and Alice – held an important place in his affections. They were the only children at Christ Church whilst he tutored there. On July 4, 1862, he and his friend, Robinson Duckworth, took a boat from Oxford to Godstow along the Thames and picnicked on the bank. This is where Dodgson first recounted the story of 'Alice's adventures underground', revealing the story of a little girl called Alice who fell down a rabbit hole and travelled into a fantasy world.

The story was partially based on a picnic taken by the same party around two weeks earlier, when they all got caught in the rain. Both Alice and Duckworth remarked on how improved this story was from his



One of Lewis Carroll's own illustrations of Alice from 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.

others, and Alice went as far as to plead with Dodgson to write it out. Not only did he handwrite it, he also illustrated it and presented it to her for Christmas in 1864. Within a year he had published it under the title of 'Alice's Adventures In Wonderland'.

**Other marks of his links to Guildford are the March Hare pub near Guildford Castle, and The Mad Hatter hat shop.**

While Dodgson lived in Oxford, he often visited his family in Guildford. Where he not only enjoyed holidaying, but also fully took part in local life. In many ways, Guildford was his perfect second home, even allowing a quick journey to parts of London he frequented. He became good friends with the headmaster of the local royal grammar school, and the banker who lived next door. He was often called upon to preach at St Mary's Church on Quarry street, which was, and still is, the oldest building in the town.

Another of Dodgson's pastimes was to take leisurely walks around the



A photograph of Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) later in life.

castle grounds, where it is thought that he was inspired to write 'The Hunting Of The Snark'.

If you take a similar walk through the castle grounds today, you might notice the locally famous statue of Alice in the moment she enters through the looking glass, reaching out towards the ruins of Guildford Castle. The statue, 'Alice Through The Looking Glass' sits in the Alice Garden, just behind The Chestnuts. It was sculpted in 1990 by Jeanne Argent to memorialise Lewis Carroll and his famous sequel, 'Through The Looking Glass', which he wrote in Guildford within the year of procuring the family home. At the start of the book, Alice travels through the looking glass on the fireplace mantel, and finds a very different world, similar to how Dodgson and his family must have experienced a large change when moving to Guildford.

Any visitor to Guildford would notice Carroll's impact woven through the town, including two statues, one previously mentioned, and one on the bank of the river Wey. This second statue was sculpted by local artist

Edwin Russell in 1984 and depicts the two sisters from the book – Alice watching as the white rabbit leaps towards the rabbit hole. Other marks of his links to Guildford are the March Hare pub near Guildford Castle, and The Mad Hatter hat shop.

**Lewis Carroll is buried in The Mount cemetery, Guildford, where you can still find his grave today, under a pine tree to the left of the chapel.**

Sadly, on January 14, 1898, Dodgson died of Pneumonia after a bout of influenza. He passed away at The Chestnuts, two weeks away from turning 66 years old, and was buried in The Mount cemetery, where you can still find his grave today, under a pine tree to the left of the chapel.

Carroll's remarkable imagination and nonsensical style has entertained generations of readers and influenced pop culture in countless ways, and Alice's stories continue to shape the world from their spiritual home in the town of Guildford.

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September & October

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Do not forget the **Autumn Show** is on **Saturday 4th September** at 10.00am. It is open to the public at 2.30pm.

### Things to do in the garden in September.

- The evenings are now drawing in and Autumn is upon us so enjoy your garden whilst it is still at its peak.
- On dry sunny days seed from Annuals such as Alyssum, French Marigold and Tagetes can be collected for sowing next Spring, do not collect the seed of F1 Hybrids as the new plants will not be the same as the originals.
- Continue to deadhead the flower border so that it will stay in bloom until the first frost.

### The evenings are now drawing in and autumn is upon us so enjoy your garden whilst it is still at its peak.

- To produce good blooms Dahlias need to be fed with a high potash liquid feed once a fortnight.

- Cuttings of Fuchsia and Pelargonium can still be taken.
- Keep Camellias and Rhododendrons well watered to ensure good bud formation for flowering next Spring.
- Evergreen Hedges should be given a final trim before Winter.

### Apply an autumn dressing to the lawn when rain is forecast.

- Daffodils and Narcissi should be planted this month or next for a good Spring display.
- A late sowing of Spinach and Turnip can still be made. Overwintering Onion Sets and Spring Cabbage should be planted out.
- Cut out the fruited canes of Loganberry and Raspberry.
- Apply an Autumn Dressing to the Lawn when rain is forecast

### Things to do in the garden in October.

- All tender plants and shrubs should be brought indoors at the first sign of frost and kept in a frost free place.

- Cut back and divide Herbaceous Perennials.
- Dahlias should be lifted and stored once they have been blackened by the frost.
- Reduce the height of Bush Roses to minimise root damage caused by wind rock during the winter months, Climbing Roses should be pruned with the remaining stems being tied to a wall or trellis.

### Now is a good time to plant hedges, shrubs and trees.

- Tulip Bulbs should be ordered or purchased for planting next month, remember that the bigger the bulb the larger the flower, prepared hyacinths and Narcissi 'Paperwhite' should be planted in pots for a Christmas display, mixed colour Hyacinths will not all flower at the same time.
- Sweet Peas should be sown under glass at the end of the month.
- Now is a good time to plant Hedges, Shrubs and Trees.

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